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## The Editorial Board -- Studies in Intelligence

The Editorial Board of Studies in Intelligence is comprised of twelve Agency officers drawn from the four directorates. The members include office directors, two staff chiefs and a deputy staff chief, a ranking officer from the Inspector General's staff, and a National Intelligence Officer. Currently, the Board is chaired by the Executive Director. New members are chosen by the chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Directors. The Board has a twofold purpose: it exercises editorial supervision over Studies in Intelligence, now in its twenty-seventh year, and it functions as a board of governors for the Center for the Study of Intelligence, founded in 1975 in the Office of Training and Education. In this latter capacity, the Board approves research proposals submitted by prospective Fellows in the Center, determines whether to publish monographs resulting from such research, and sponsors and participates in the Center's conference/seminar program. Examples of that program were a conference on Ethics and the Profession of Intelligence, attended by more than 80 Agency officers and outside consultants in May, and the recently concluded meeting on US Intelligence: The Organization and the Profession, with 28 university and college professors who teach courses on Intelligence. This program also includes bimonthly evening sessions of the Interdirectorate Seminar, whose approximately 40 members are drawn from across the Agency.

The current Board is an activist one. Studies in Intelligence is thriving as a new generation of qualified authors, recruited by the Board members and editors of the journal, have proved eager to write for it. So, too, the number of meetings held under the conference program has more than doubled in two years and the Interdirectorate Seminar, four years in existence this December, has grown from 12 members to its current size.

The Board's major effort is devoted to furthering the somewhat uneven literature of Intelligence. It seeks to encourage the writing of top quality articles on any theoretical, doctrinal, operational, or historical aspect of the profession. To accomplish this purpose, its members must identify and persuade prospective authors to take the time and expend the effort to write, convincing them that such time is "good" or "promotable time." Not all of the Agency's office directors and/or division chiefs are willing to grant younger officers the leeway to respond to the Board. The Board's efforts might be crowned with greater success if the four Deputy Directors regularly underscored management's support of Studies in Intelligence and recognized contributions to it.